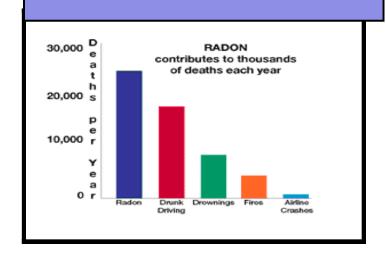
# **BASIC RADON FACTS**

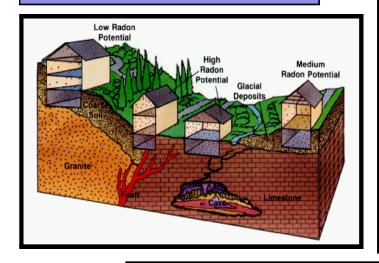
Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. It's undetectable to the human senses (sight, taste, or smell).

According to the U.S. EPA, radon is estimated to cause thousands of lung cancer deaths each year.

In Nebraska, 1 out of every 2 homes tested has high radon levels (above 4.0 pCi/L).



# WHY SHOULD I TEST?



Radon is found all over the United States; it can get into all types of buildings, regardless of the building's age.

It's important for you to test your home for radon. Your neighbor's situation may not be your own. Testing is easy and inexpensive.

Testing is done by using a short-term test kit (2-90 days) or a long-term test kit (more than 90 days). A long-term test is more likely to reflect your home's year-round average.

# **TESTING INFORMATION**

### Read all manufacturer's instructions.

Test kits should be placed in the lowest level/room where you spend time. If you do not use your basement, test on the main floor. Acceptable rooms to test are bedrooms, offices, living/family rooms or play/recreation rooms. Unacceptable rooms are utility rooms, bathrooms or kitchens, due to moisture in these rooms which may affect testing kits.

### Pay attention to how long the test should run.

When testing is completed, place the test kit into the appropriate packaging and mail it to the lab immediately. A test kit may be invalid if it sits around for too long.

For additional information regarding radon contractors, testing, or general radon questions, please contact the Nebraska Radon Program at 800-334-9491 or 402-471-0594

Fix your home if your radon level is 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher. or higher

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Radon levels less than 4.0 pCi/L still pose a risk and may be reduced.

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